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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Please cancel claim 30 and amend the claims as follows:

 (Amended) A golf ball having three or more concentrically disposed layers, which comprises:

a core of at least one layer comprising at least one resilient elastomeric material;

a hoop-stress layer wound or wrapped about the core comprising:

at least one hoop-stress material having a tensile elastic modulus of about 10,000 kpsi or greater and a first cross-sectional area, and

a binding material applied to the at least one hoop-stress material prior to winding the hoop-stress material about the core and activated to increase first crosssectional area by about 5 percent or greater; and

an outermost thermoset material of at least one layer disposed about the hoopstress layer.

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